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## REPUBLICAN VOTERS OF VAN BUREN COUNTY, STAND BY THESE MEN

### TO THE REPUBLICAN VOTERS OF MICHIGAN:

Efforts to stampede the republican voters in Michigan will be made from now on until election day. There will be false reports, wild claims and assertions, fraudulent straw ballots and plain opposition lies. Let no one be deceived! Remember, noise is not facts, argument claims are not facts! The loyal republican who loves fair play and a square deal, who is well satisfied with present conditions, who does not want a change at the country's most critical period in its history, will go the even tenor of his way, never faltering or wavering in his fidelity to the cause of the party that has made the United States the greatest, mightiest and most blessed country on the face of the globe. If the loyal republicans stand true and firm, there is but one inevitable result of the coming election—a glorious victory for the grand old party in Michigan.

• A. J. GROESBECK, Chairman Republican State Central Committee.

### THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Nominees of the great party, under the guidance of which the American people have prospered as has no other nation. A triumphant victory for the Republican party at the polls next Tuesday insures a continuation of the unprecedented era of prosperity this great country now enjoys. Can we afford to take a chance? Think it over.

#### THE STATE TICKET

##### FOR GOVERNOR.



Hon. Amos Musselman.

The Grand Rapids gentleman who leads the state ticket is well known to readers of The True Northerner. He made a phenomenal run in the primaries two years ago and although defeated he proved his loyalty to the principles of his party by supporting the man who defeated him, and this year won a triumphant victory in the primary. He is a plain, honest, conscientious successful business man, who will if elected give the state a business administration. He merits the vote of every republican and should be elected by an overwhelming majority.

##### FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.



John Q. Ross.

John Q. Ross needs no words of commendation. He has served as Lieutenant governor during the past two years and has proven this worth to the state. He merits a re-election.

##### FOR CONGRESSMAN-AT-LARGE.

Everybody knows the genial, loyal Pat. They call him "the apostle of optimism" sometimes, but generally it is just "Pat." There is not a city, a town or a hamlet in Michigan where they do not know him by that name.

They say that he knows more people and can call more of them by name than any other man in Michigan and it is probably true. He has been meeting

then, for years, ever since as a young man he was made state superintendent of schools. He met them in two campaigns when he was asking for the office of lieutenant-governor. Each



Patrick H. Kelley.

time he won their favor and the office. Then he ran for governor and was defeated in the hottest primary campaign that the party has ever seen.

Undoubtedly he was disappointed, but he smiled, and abandoning his broken hopes went into the fall campaign and gave his support to his party's ticket.

He should receive the united votes of his party in Van Buren C., and in the state.

##### FOR JUSTICE SUPREME COURT.



Franz C. Kuhn.

Franz C. Kuhn is too well known to need any word of commendation from us. His work in the attorney general's office has demonstrated the extent of his legal ability, showing the wisdom of the republican party in nominating him for one of the highest offices within the gift of the people of the state. That he will be elected goes without saying.

There is no need of mentioning the history of the state ticket. Their names can be found in the ticket printed at the head of editorial column in this issue. All are well known men in the state, capable and efficient and worthy of the trust that has been reposed in them by the republicans of Michigan.

##### CONGRESSMAN 4TH. DISTRICT.



Hon. E. L. Hamilton.



This is the last call before election. Next Tuesday, November 5, the voters of this nation will decide by their ballot which party shall dominate the affairs of this country for the next four years. It is not a campaign of individuals; it matters not who shall be president as far as the individual is concerned. But it does matter which party shall be in the ascendancy. No one will dispute the fact that during the past 16 years the people of this nation have prospered beyond measure. No one will dispute the fact that during the four years of democratic administration, from 1892 to 1896, the affairs of the nation were in a chaotic condition. There were hard times everywhere. Factories were closed, workmen were out of employment, prices for produce were low and gloom and despair were general. Compare those years with conditions now. The great question is, do we want to repeat the experiment of those dark days? This is a vital question to the welfare of this nation. Do we want a change? What is there that should cause us to even think of interrupting the era of progress and prosperity we now enjoy? Industrial conditions were never better. Everybody who wants work is at work at good wages. The farmer is prospering as never before, and everywhere, all about us, is seen the evidence of prosperity and happiness.

Mr. Hamilton's record has been made. It can be found and examined by all who care to know what it is. His speeches can be read and his vote scrutinized.

No party can safely claim a monopoly of progressive sentiment. It probably predominates in both old parties. It has been of steady growth for many years, and Mr. Hamilton has kept pace with it. He perhaps may not be radical enough to suit some people; he doubtless is not conservative enough to suit others, but his speeches and votes are ample evidence that he has pursued a steady, straightforward, sane, progressive course on public questions—a course that will lead sooner to permanent good than any ultra-conservative or ultra-radical program.

#### COUNTY TICKET.

##### LEGISLATIVE.

###### Hon. Milan D. Wiggins.

Hon. Milan D. Wiggins has served the people of the eighth senatorial district for the past two years and has ably represented his constituents. We have yet to learn of any criticism in reference to his votes on the many important matters that were before the legislature either at the regular or special sessions of that body. He has ever had the interests of the people of Michigan at heart and especially well has he guarded the interests of the citizens of his district. He has certainly earned a well merited second term and no mistake can be made by again sending him to the senate of the state.

with the many sided duties of his position and for the best interests of the people, he should receive the usual second term of office at the hands of the voters of the county. No word of criticism has ever been heard on the manner in which his official duties have been performed.

###### Henry F. Shaefer.

And as to our genial, competent and faithful register of deeds, why should he be turned down with a single term just because some other man is ambitious to occupy the office in which Henry F. Shaefer has so faithfully served the people since January 1, 1911? When first mentioned as a candidate for the position he has so ably filled, he announced that he would only be a candidate for a second term, and that if such was accorded him, he would then step down



Henry F. Shaefer.

and out, and he still adheres to that position. The records of his office speak for themselves. They were never kept in better shape than under his administration. During the term of his incumbency there have been placed on record 7,892 different instruments, and on the accuracy of such records depends the titles of the people to their farms and their homes. The receipts of his office up to the present date amount to the sum of \$5,180.95, all of which has been turned into the treasury of the county, and his accounts found absolutely correct when examined by the board of supervisors. His genial ways and suave, gentlemanly manners have won for him a host of friends throughout the entire county and he is certainly well entitled to be returned to the position he has filled so acceptably.

###### Warner M. Stoughton.

As in the other offices, Van Buren county has been well served by a long line of able men in the county treasurer's office, but none of them have been superior to or more faithful and attentive to business than Warner M. Stoughton our present competent county treasurer. Since the first day of January, 1911, when he first entered upon the duties of the office, to and including the 30th day of September last, a period of one year and nine months, almost half a million dollars—to be exact, \$467,401.11—of public funds have passed through his hands, every cent of which has been legally and satisfactorily accounted for. Always at hand to attend to official duties, always ready, affable, honest, careful and genial, he has made many warm friends of people who have met with him, both in an

official and private capacity. Can anybody give a valid reason why he should not be retained in his present position for an additional two years? The answer must be "No," for there is no valid reason that can be urged in favor of a change.

###### Byron L. Sowle.

Byron L. Sowle has clearly shown himself to be an efficient executive officer and has performed the duties pertaining to the important office of sheriff in a manner that has been a credit to himself and an honor to the people. He has shown himself to be capable, fearless and efficient, and few indeed have been the instances in which he has failed to land his man when a warrant had been placed in his hands. He certainly is entitled, by reason of efficient service, to the customary reward of a second term of office.

Each of the foregoing officials is just completing his first term of office and each is well entitled to the customary compliment of a second term; of each one of them it can be truthfully said, "well done." Not one of them should be turned down simply to gratify the ambition of somebody else to occupy the several positions they have filled so capably and so well.

But there are others who have not yet been tested in official position, but who have been selected by their fellow republicans as their choice for which they have been nominated.

###### Wm. J. Barnard.



The office of Judge of Probate is an important one. The office is probably of as much importance to the people as

that of circuit judge, for sooner or later all the real estate in the county must pass through the probate court and all land titles must sooner or later depend upon the validity of the proceedings in that court.

William J. Barnard is a successful lawyer, one of the leading members of the profession in this county, he has had wide practice in probate matters in this county, and by his legal ability, knowledge of the law and large experience, he is eminently fitted for the office for which he has been placed in nomination.

###### Earl L. Burhans.



Earl L. Burhans, who has so little opposition as a candidate for prosecuting attorney that he is certain of election, has had experience in the past as assistant to Prosecutor Warner that has fitted him to take up the work where it will be left by his predecessor and carry it along successfully.

###### O. W. Rowland.



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